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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the patent attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention.

Applicants submit this reference since it was cited in Applicants' corresponding Chinese application, but it is believed not relevant to the claims. U.S. Patent No. 4,552,938 to Mikita et al., which is of record and was considered in this application, is related to the enclosed patent.

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